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GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY - CLASS OF '33

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HOMECOMING 1983

The Oakwood College National Alumni Association

SALUTES THE HONOR CLASSES

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'13, '23, '33, '43, '53, '63, '73, '83

We Pay Special Tribute to the

CLASS OF 1933 on its GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

STEWART BRANTLEY

LAWRENCE HASTINGS

CATHERINE MURRAY MUMFORD

SUSIE ROBERTS PERRY

VIOLA HAMILTON HALL

RUTH REID LEE

WILLIAM MILLS

IN MEMORIAM

LYLE FOLLETTE, SR.

GAINES RALPH THOMPSON

STANLEY HUDDLESTON

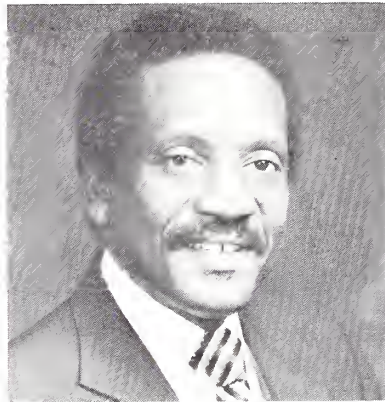
MESSAGES FROM OUR PRESIDENTS

COUNTDOWN TO CENTENNIAL!

It's C minus 12 and counting!! In other words, we're now 12 years from the greatest of all Oakwood College homecomings — our one hundreth anniversary.

We are happy that you can celebrate Number "88" with us this year and invite you to join our grand march to 1995 and the climax of 100 years of Oakwood's contribution to the church and society.

Again, welcome to Homecoming '83, and remember it's C minus 12 and counting!!



C. B. Rock
President, Oakwood College

WELCOME HOME ALUMNI

On behalf of the Oakwood College National Alumni Association I am pleased to welcome you to Oakwood to celebrate our 16th Annual Homecoming. This is the largest campus event of the year. Oakwood has contributed significantly to the spiritual, educational, and economical lives of many individuals across the nation. We believe this week-end's activities will be an inspiration to all. Thanks for your continous support. Have a pleasant and exciting visit.



Lee A. Paschal, President
Oakwood College National
Alumni Association



NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONS OFFICERS

President.....	Lee A. Paschal
Vice President.....	Danny Blanchard
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Parliamentarian.....	

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Allegheny West.....	Connie Mayfield
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California.....	Alean Middleton
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South Central.....	Gene Crawford
Southwest Region.....	
Southeast Region.....	
Lake Region.....	

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Wilmington, N.C.	Glenn Timmas
Delta Area	Arthur Sanders



Dear Homecoming Participant,

I wish to express greetings to you and sincere thanks to a merciful Savior who has blessed us to come together again. I, Dee, and our delightful contingent of student workers have experienced much pleasure in serving you and are looking forward to greater joys of service during our special weekend.

Enjoy yourselves, and remember that by uniting our efforts — we can and shall keep Oakwood strong and functioning until Christ returns.

Welcome back Home!

Fred A. Pullins, Director
Alumni Affairs

HOMECOMING COORDINATORS 1983

REGISTRATION	Fred Pullins, Alean Middleton
HOTEL RESERVATIONS	CAC Meeting Planners
JOURNAL	Edna Lett Williamson
FELLOWSHIP SUPPER	Harry Swinton, D.B. Reid Chapter
SECURITY	R. Howard
USHERS / DEACONS	Oliver Davis
TRANSPORTATION	Harry Dobbins
VESPER (Friday)	Katie Settle
SABBATH SCHOOL	Donald Blake
DIVINE WORSHIP	L.A. Paschal
HONOREES PROGRAM	Thomasine L. Wright
VESPER (Saturday)	Danny Blanchard
AEOLIANS REUNION & BANQUET	Alma Blackmon
RECEPTION	Lizzie Mae Strange
"Chat 'N Chew"	
UNCF BANQUET	Dorothy Smith
HOSTESSES	Marcia Keller
FLOWERS	Jan Ross
OAKWOOD FILM FEATURE	Rosa Banks
ART EXHIBIT	Elfred Lee
MUHAMMED ALI	Pullins, Paschal, Blanchard
TENNIS TOURNAMENT	A. Paul
GOLF TOURNAMENT	Lynn Ross
BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT	L. Douglas
(Students vs Alumni)	
FINANCES	Richard Norman
MUSIC	F. Pullins, D. Blanchard

GENERAL HOMECOMING COORDINATOR, FRED PULLINS

HOMECOMING 1983

THURSDAY ACTIVITIES

UNCF Banquet	7:00 P.M.	Von Braun Civic Center
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FRIDAY ACTIVITIES

Joseph Rhyne Medical Symposium	8:00 A.M. - 12 Noon	Science Complex Auditorium
Art Exhibit	10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.	Fine Arts Building
Vesper	6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.	College Church
Musical (AYS)	7:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.	College Church
Religion Forum	7:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.	Religion Chapel
Fellowship Dinner	7:00 P.M.	College Cafeteria
Aeolian Rehearsal	7:00 P.M.	Music Building
BASIC (Singles Club)	7:30 P.M.	Religion Complex

SATURDAY ACTIVITIES

Sabbath School	9:15 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.	Von Braun Civic Center
Divine Worship	10:45 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.	Von Braun Civic Center
Lunch	1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.	
Awards Program	4:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.	Von Braun Civic Center
Aeolian Rehearsal	4:30 P.M.	Von Braun Civic Center Parlor A
Oakwood Presents	5:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.	Von Braun Civic Center
Vesper	6:00 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.	Von Braun Civic Center
Muhammed Ali	6:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.	Von Braun Civic Center
Aeolian Reunion Concert	7:30 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.	Von Braun Civic Center
Chat & Chew Light Buffet	9:00 P.M.	Sheraton Hotel
Aeolian Reunion Party	9:00 P.M.	Carriage Inn
Old vs New Basketball	9:30 P.M.	
BASIC Social Hour	9:00 P.M.	Religion Complex

SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

Finals for Basketball, Golf & Tennis Tournaments		
Alumni Officers Meeting	9:00 A.M.	Science Complex
BASIC Business Meeting	9:30 A.M.	Religion Complex

SPORTS ACTIVITIES

Golf Tournament	Thursday, Friday, Sunday	Point Mallard State Park
Basketball Tournament	Thursday, Friday, Sunday	College Gymnasium
Tennis Tournament	Friday, Sunday	College Courts

Held at the Beautiful Von Braun Civic Center, Huntsville, Alabama

For information and room reservations, call (205) 837-1630, extension 253.
Or write: Alumni Affairs, Oakwood College, Huntsville, Alabama 35896

Best Wishes

FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUCCESS

FROM



HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA 35896
(205) 837-1630

“Enter to learn: Depart to serve”

Dr. Calvin B. Rock, President
Mr. Fred Pullins, Director of Alumni Affairs



OSTER HARRISON PAUL, SR.
OAKWOOD COLLEGE, CLASS OF 1963, VALEDICTORIAN
(Summa Cum Laude)

Our speaker for Divine Service on Sabbath Homecoming 1983 hails from the West Indies, via Grenada and Trinidad.

He is married to the former Pauline Lynch of Chicago, Illinois. Pastor and Mrs Paul are the proud parents of two boys.

Pastor Paul was educated at Cambridge University in England, Oakwood College, and Andrews University. While at Oakwood College he served as Manager and Editor of the Spreading Oak. He was President of the United Student Movement and also was selected as "Mr. Oakwood" in 1963.

The speaker serves presently as pastor of Mt. Sinai Seventh-Day Adventist Church in Orlando, Florida.



Pastor Ward C. Sumpter

B.A. Degree

Oakwood College, 1963

Graduate Study:

Andrews University

Loma Linda University

Present Position:

Associate Secretary, Inner City

Director for Southern Union,

Decatur, Georgia

HOMECOMING VESPER SPEAKER

Friday, April 1st, 1983

Melwyn A. "Bob" Mounter

Graduating Senior

Oakwood College, June 1983

Major: Religion

Minor: Communications

Local Elder, Oakwood College Church

Sabbath School Teacher

General Vice President

United Student Movement

Oakwood College

HOMECOMING VESPER SPEAKER

Sabbath, April 2nd, 1983



VESPER SERVICE

Friday, April 1st, 1983 - 6:00 P.M.

Oakwood College Church

Katie Settle, Chairperson

Song Service

Opening Song — No. 584 Dr. Lyle Follette '53

Scripture Mrs. Lorraine Davis Henri '43

Opening Prayer Mr. Walter Hawks, II '73

Special Music Oakwood College Choir

Welcome

Elder L.A. Paschal, President
Oakwood College National Alumni Association

Dr. Rosa Taylor Banks
Vice President for IAP

Announcements Mr. Fred Pullins, Director
Oakwood College Alumni Affairs

Offering Dr. Danny Blanchard, Vice President
Oakwood College National Alumni Association

Introduction of Speaker Mrs. Katie Green Settle
Regional Vice President
South Atlantic Conference

Meditation Oakwood College Choir

Sermon Elder Ward Sumpter '63
Southern Union Conference

Special Music Oakwood College Choir

Benediction Elder Lawrence Hastings, Sr., '33

SABBATH SCHOOL PROGRAM

Sabbath, April 2nd, 1983

9:00 - 10:30 A.M.

Oliver Davis
Music Coordinator

Donald F. Blake
Superintendent

Musical Meditation

Song Service

Opening Song

Scripture and Prayer Mr. Glenn Shurney '73

Welcome Elder Xavier Butler '43

Secretary's Report Mrs. Mabel L. Norman '73

Special Music

Mission Emphasis Dr. Cordell Evans Williamson '43

Offering Dr. Timothy McDonald '63

Superintendent's Remarks Dr. D.F. Blake '53

Lesson Highlights Elder James Melancon '63

Closing Prayer Dr. D.F. Blake '53

DIVINE WORSHIP
Sabbath, April 2nd, 1983 - 11:00 A.M.
L.A. Paschal, Chairperson

Prelude

Introit

Invocation Mr. Abraham Jules
President, Senior Class '83

Music — "*Precious Memories*" Janice Johnson '73

Welcome and Announcements Elder L.A. Paschal
President, National Alumni Association
Elder Eric Ward
Pastor, Oakwood College Church
The Honorable Joe Davis
Mayor of Huntsville
Dr. Calvin B. Rock
President, Oakwood College

Acknowledgements Elder L.A. Paschal
Mr. Fred Pullins
Coordinator, Homecoming Weekend

Hymn of Worship

Scripture Attorney Sherman Rogers '73
Washington, D.C.

Prayer Elder Eugene Carter '43
Director, Stewardship, Central States Conf.

Offering Elder L.A. Paschal

Music Aeolians

Introduction of Speaker Nathaniel Higgs '63
Principal, Oakwood Academy

Meditation Aeolians

Sermon Elder Oster Paul '63
Pastor, Southeastern Conference

Closing Hymn

Benediction Elder Steven Norman '73
Pastor, South Central Conference

SABBATH VESPER SERVICE
Sabbath, April 2nd, 1983 - 6:00 P.M.
Danny E. Blanchard
Chairperson

Song Service	David Smith
Scripture	Hederka Newberry
Opening Prayer	Glen Forde Baxter President, International Student Organization
Welcome & Presentation of Speaker	Dr. Danny E. Blanchard
Music	Wanda Lott
Sermonette	Melwyn A. "Bob" Mounter
Fourth Commandment	Theresa McArthur
Closing Song	Ryan Chandler
Benediction	William Winston

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of

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Mental Physical Spiritual

"Men and women . . . need to be impressed with the fact that all their powers of mind and body are the gift of God, and are to be preserved in the best possible condition for His service."

Messages to Young People, 238

NORTHEASTERN CONFERENCE

CONGRATULATES

OAKWOOD COLLEGE

FOR

ITS TREMENDOUS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE WORLD FIELD
MAY HER SONS AND DAUGHTERS CONTINUE
TO ANSWER "THE CALL"

BEST WISHES FOR HOMECOMING 1983

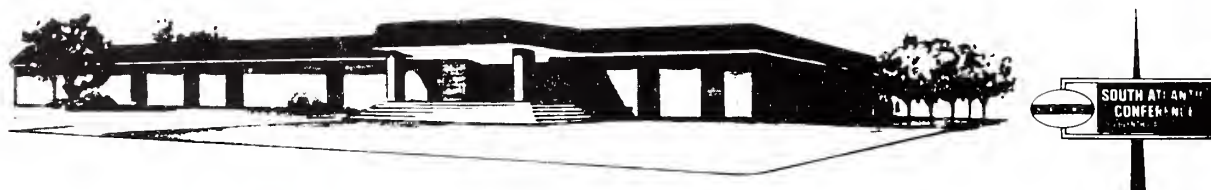
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L.A. Paschal	Communication Director

Northeastern Conference
115-50 Merrick Boulevard
Jamaica, New York 11434

Congratulations to the
"PARENT OF THE YEAR"

MRS. ANNIE G. MERIDETH

Compliments
of



**SOUTH ATLANTIC CONFERENCE
OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS**

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North Carolina ☐ South Carolina ☐ Georgia

We extend our best wishes to MRS. ANNIE MERIDETH
as "PARENT of the YEAR" at the 16th Annual
Homecoming for Oakwood College Alumni Association.



The South Central Conference

C.E. Dudley, President

F.N. Crowe, Secretary - Treasurer

ALLEGHENY WEST CONFERENCE

Recognized the outstanding contributions
of



CONNIE STRONG MAYFIELD

Oakwood College 1983 Alumna of the Year

She is a dedicated, inspiring, hardworking
member of our team.

WE SALUTE YOU!!!

CONNIE STRONG MAYFIELD

We pray for your continued success.

Elder W.L. Cleveland, President

Elder Willie Lewis, Secretary

Pastor Johnny Mack, Treasurer

SABBATH SCHOOL

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Compliments of

CENTRAL STATES CONFERENCE

of

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LEROY HAMPTON, SEC'Y. / TREAS.



PARENT OF THE YEAR
ANNIE GILBERT MERIDETH — “MAMANEE”

Annie Gilbert Merideth, the fifth child of Beryl and Sarah Gilbert, was educated in La Grange, Georgia where she later taught school. She met and married James Thomas Merideth and they were blessed with six children.

In October 1931, Mrs. Merideth became a member of Berean Seventh-day Adventist Church, where she has been a “cornerstone” for 52 years. Her faithfulness to her church has included service as Sabbath School Division Leader, Sabbath School Teacher, Community Service Director, an ardent Ingatherer, and 45 years as a dedicated deaconess. Continuing in the tradition of her home, Mrs. Merideth nobly assumed her matriarchial and partriarchial roles in raising her children after the death of her husband. Years of struggle ensued as she labored daily—determined to assist her children in reaching their goals in life. She placed strong emphasis on character development and Christian education. Four of her six children attended Oakwood College.

Mrs. Merideth, “Mamanee”, as she had become affectionately called, is a lover of young people and her home became that “House By the Side of the Road” as youth sought her counsel and understanding, as well as support and encouragement.

All of “Mamanee’s” children graduated from the high school where the youngest child now teaches. They are all staunch and active members in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Her children, along with their families, have faithfully rendered nearly 200 years of dedicated services to the “world church” in the following areas: secretaries, nurses, musicians, teachers, business administrators, ministers, counsellors, social directors, seamstresses, financiers, and attorneys-at-law. To God be the glory!!!

Mamanee's Flock

James: Service as: Chief Accountant - Oakwood College
Secretary / Treasurer - Southwest Region
Secretary / Treasurer - Central States
Controller / Administrator - Riverside Hospital
Controller - Madison Hospital

Maude: Seamstress, Counselor of the clan, Purveyor -
having catered for a Vice President of the United States

Sarah: Wife of minister, Elder Jethro H. Lester
Teacher in the Carlolina, Allegheny, and Allegheny
West Conferences
Program Coordinator in the Columbus, Ohio
Public School System

Dorris: Conference Worker in the South Central Southwest, and
South Atlantic Conferences (every department)
Editorial Assistant of the Message Magazine
Patient Financial Account Representative for both
Riverside Hospital and Madison Hospital

George: Managerial position for the Atlanta Housing Authority
(Now Deceased)

Irene: Service in the South Atlantic Conference
Mathematics and Science Departments:
Oakwood College
Oakwood Academy
University of Wisconsin
Alabama A & M University
Minot State College
Presently, Chairperson of Mathematics Department at
Booker T. Washington High School in Atlanta, Georgia

Mrs. Merideth's grandchildren, sons-in-law, and daughters-in-law
have continued the family tradition involving themselves in Chris-
tian education and rendering service to their fellowmen.

The Oakwood College Alumni Association is proud to pro-
claim this "Mother-in-Israel" our 1983

"P A R E N T of the Y E A R"

CONGRATULATIONS

and

BEST WISHES

ANNIE GILBERT MERIDETH

“Mamanee”

Our

MOTHER, CONFIDANTE, COUNSELOR, and FRIEND

for your

PERSEVERENCE, PATIENCE, COURAGE, LOVE and
SACRIFICIAL SPIRIT

From: YOUR CHILDREN WHO ADORE YOU

JAMES

MAUDE

SARAH

DORRIS

IRENE

JIM SASSER
TENNESSEE



United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

April 1, 1983

Mrs. Annie Merideth
% Mrs. Dorris M. Hill
3206 Spears Road
Nashville, Tennessee 37207

Dear Mrs. Merideth:

Nothing gives me more pleasure than having the opportunity to congratulate you for being named Parent of the Year by the National Chapter of the Oakwood College Alumni Association. What a tremendous honor to be chosen for the greatest accomplishment for which a woman can be recognized!

I share with your family and friends the pride they feel in you and the joy they are experiencing with you on this occasion. Obviously you have earned the respect, admiration and love of your family and friends, and I'm delighted that they are expressing these feelings for you in this manner.

My very best wishes for everything good that life has to offer in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature of Jim Sasser in dark ink, with a large loop at the beginning and a long, sweeping tail.

Jim Sasser
United States Senator

ALUMNA OF THE YEAR 1983
MRS. CONNIE STRONG MAYFIELD



Connie Strong Mayfield is a native of St. Petersburg, Florida who attended Sabbath School and Church School as a youth. She graduated from Oakwood College and attended both Savannah State College and Winston Salem Teachers' College. Through her work as a teacher, principal, and Bible instructor in the South Atlantic Conference, Connie inspired many of her former students to attend and graduate from Oakwood College.

During summer evangelistic meetings, Connie labored with Elder Charles Bradford, Elder Aaron Brogden, and Elder Franklin Hill, Sr.

A continuing thirst for knowledge and achievement and a desire to better serve her church, led Connie to Walker Brown Business School to study accounting. As a result of this special training, Connie was subsequently employed by the State of Ohio, Bureau of Employment, Accounting Department, as supervisor and training officer for Benefits Special Claims Department.

In her church Connie has held many positions. They include Sabbath School Superintendent, Youth Division Leader, Church Clerk, Ass't. Church Treasurer, Youth Evangelism Leader, Pathfinder / Master Guide Instructor, M.V. Leader, Usher Director, School Board Chairperson, Home & School Leader, Member of Allegheny West Sabbath School Workshop Team, and Special Projects Fund Raiser for Ephesus Church Building Fund.

Connie's involvement in community activities include: Governor's Advisory Council Board for Neighborhoods, N.A.A.C.P., Urban League, Haitian Refugee Operation of Columbus, and Volunteer Driver for Out-patients Health Center.

Her professional growth is reflected by her membership in National Teachers' Ass'n., International Ass'n. of Personnel Employment Services, E.R. Herring Scholarship Fund, Greater Columbus Art Council, National Ass'n. Negro Musicians, and The Historical Society for Black Americans.

Connie is a faithful supporter of the Oakwood College Alumni Association. Her enthusiasm and inspiration led to her appointment as Oakwood College Alumni Affairs Officer for Allegheny West Conference. Connie played an integral part in organizing the following chapters: Columbus, J. Estelle Barnett, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Dayton, and Glenville.

Connie presently serves the Alumni Association as Regional Vice President for Allegheny West, Public Relations Chairperson, Chairperson of the 3-way Scholarship Committee, and as an active member of the Columbus Chapter.

Our "Alumna of the Year," 1983 has been an inspiration to many young people as she directed them to higher achievements and wider service for God and Man.

CONGRATULATIONS and BEST WISHES

TO OUR CONNIE

——THE 1983 ALUMNA OF THE YEAR——

from your

NEW YORK FAMILY

"MOTHER DEAR" —— Edna Lett Williamson

"AUNTIE" —— Eardell B. Rashford

"COUSINS" —— Eardell J. Rashford &
Gwendolyn H. Nicolas



Connie Strong Mayfield

"Mother Dear"

ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR 1983

JOHN S. NIXON



John Stephen Nixon was born in Brooklyn, New York, the fourth of five children reared by Harry and Julie Nixon. He was educated at the Bethel Church School where he graduated salutatorian of his class, going on to attend Northeastern Academy, before completing his high school education at Erasmus Hall. After attending Hunter College, he transferred to Oakwood and in 1976 graduated with a B.A. in Theology, *summa cum laude*. He was third in his class. The same year, he married the former Miss Januwoina (Ja-von-na) Fields of Far Rockaway, New York. She, too, was an Oakwoodite. Together the Nixons served Ephesus, where John had

been assigned as Youth Pastor. They participated in the grand reopening of the church and continued there for the next three years assisting Elder Edwin J. Humphrey.

In 1979, Pastor Nixon was called upon to assume the full pastorate of Ephesus, a responsibility he held for nine months, during which time over 80,000 dollars was raised toward the eventual burning of the mortgage there.

In 1980 the Nixon family, now including two sons, John Stephen II and Derek, arrived in Boston, Massachusetts to Pastor the Berea Church district, which includes the Cambridge Church, with a membership of over 650 and an elementary school enrollment in excess of 200. Berea has presented a formidable challenge with great possibilities. Last year, the church acquired a new building to house her students. With 15 classrooms and an auditorium which seats over 700, it is one of Northeastern's biggest and best school buildings. With the additional space, Berea has added a pre-school program and in the future plans to expand even further.

Since moving to Boston, Mrs. Nixon has completed her B.A. in elementary education at Atlantic Union College and now teaches kindergarten at Berea School. Pastor Nixon is now working toward a Master's Degree at Harvard University and serves as a member of Boston's ministerial Alliance, Black Ecumenical Commission, and the N.A.A.C.P. Branch.

CONGRATULATIONS and CONTINUED SUCCESS

to Our Son,

J O H N

"All the light of the past
All the light which shines in the present
And reaches forth into the future
As revealed in the Word of God
Is for every soul who will receive it."

This is the plight that you sought after, are fulfilling now and
we pray through the mercy and strength of God, you will continue
to do until that day when God says to you,

"WELL DONE THOU GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT"

With Continuing Love

from

Your Mother

Father

and Family

ALLEGHENY WEST
CERTIFICATE OF MERIT
ELDER JETHRO H. LESTER

Jethro H. Lester was born in a Seventh-day Adventist Christian home. At an early age his parents, upon the advice of Miss Anna Knight, sent him to Oakwood Jr. College. He remained at Oakwood until he graduated. He did further study at Temple University, Philadelphia, Pa.

Jethro gained three years of valuable experience in the New Jersey Conference before he was called to the gospel ministry. His years of active service covered four conferences: New Jersey, Potomac, Allegheny, and Allegheny West conferences. During his ministry he pastored twenty-four congregations. God blessed him to baptize hundreds of souls and build several church buildings.



In each city that he pastored, Jethro involved himself enthusiastically in alliances with other Christian ministerial organizations. He has served as president of four ministerial alliances and was the founder of two of them. He has had the distinction of returning to pastor one of his former charges, the Ephesus church in Columbus, Ohio, three times. He has served the church in various capacities: Manager of Adventist Book Center, Director of Trust Services, and Administrative Assistant to the president of Allegheny West Conference.

Presently, Jethro is an active member of the J. Estelle Barnett Alumni Chapter in Columbus, Ohio. Before this chapter was organized, he was a member of the original chapter organized by Connie Strong Mayfield in the Lesters home in 1971. Jethro has supported the Oakwood Scholarship fund in the various churches he has pastored. Through the years he has assisted students in church school and at Oakwood from his personal finances.

Jethro is married to the former Sarah Merideth, an Oakwood graduate. They are the parents of one daughter, Lillian Lester-Redcross, who is an Oakwood product and a Registered Nurse. Her husband, Joseph, is principal of the Anna Knight school on the Oakwood campus. The Lesters have two grand-children, Joseph and Jeffery Redcross.

After 40 Years of active service in the Seventh-day Adventist church, he retired. This retirement is not to be understood as one sitting on the side-lines watching the rest of the world go by. He is actively giving his service to his church and to his community.

IN APPRECIATION

FOR your

LOVE

FAITH

DETERMINATION and

CHRISTIAN EXAMPLE

WE SALUTE

JETHRO H. LESTER

on receiving

Allegheny West's Certificate of Merit

YOU ARE OUR INSPIRATION!!!

Your Devoted Family

LAKE REGION CERTIFICATE OF MERIT HONOREE

JANET LEE CARTER ATKINS

Janet, a second generation Seventh-day Adventist and Oakwoodite born in St. Louis, Missouri, is one of 4 children of the late Edna and Leon Carter. She is a product of Church school and Oakwood Academy followed by a year at Oakwood College. She graduated from Detroit Institute of Technology receiving a B.A. Degree in Business Administration and Social Science.

The first eleven years of her professional career were spent teaching church school in New Jersey, Michigan, Indiana, and Illinois. She continued her education at Tennessee State University and earned a M.A. Degree in Elementary Education and Guidance.

Interesting years for Janet included her work in the public schools of Pontiac, Michigan as elementary and junior high school teacher, counselor, instructional and team leader. Additional graduate study in guidance and counseling culminated in Janet receiving an Education Specialist Degree from Oakland University.

Though professionally busy, Janet did not neglect her church while studying and working. She served her church faithfully as choir member, Sabbath School teacher, Sabbath School Superintendent, Youth Leader, School Board Member, and Home and School Secretary.

Civic and professional organizations claimed Janet's interest and time. She was active in several:

- National Education Association
- Michigan Education Minority Leader
- Pontiac Education Association
- American & Michigan Personnel & Guidance Association
- Oakland City Counselors' Association
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- National & Michigan Association of Black Educators
- N.A.A.C.P.
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As a friend of youth, Janet has contributed generously to tuition and other school expenses for many young people.

Sharon S.D.A. Church in Inkster, Michigan and the National Alumni Association are proud of the accomplishments of Janet Carter Atkins, a daughter of Oakwood.



Janet Atkins



Edna Atkins (mother)

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MRS. DOROTHY KNIGHT MARSH

Dorothy Knight Marsh, the youngest of seven children of Oree and Eddress Knight was from a family who believed in Christian Education. Following in the footsteps of her five brothers and one sister, attended Oakwood, and it is interesting to note that for the past fifty years a descendant from the Knight family has attended Oakwood.

She completed her education at the Metropolitan College of Business and Southwest Community College in Los Angeles, with the main course of study Administrative Office Management.

Her work career began as a secretary at UCLA and Los Angeles Unified School District. In the fall of 1972, she and her family relocated to Atlanta, Georgia. There she worked as a secretary to the President of Spelman College. After four years, she decided to join her husband, Elliott as a partner at AB-Tech Construction, Inc, where she has been since 1976.

Dorothy believes in the tradition of continually seeking out new knowledge, and she has completed several courses in management and organizational skills at Atlanta University Center and Georgia State University. In her spare time, she is active in civic and community activities as a volunteer for the Lupus Foundation and a Wedding Consultant with Two Hears and Associates.

She holds memberships in several organizations; The National Secretaries Association; the National Association of Women in Construction; National Association of Minority Contractors; President of Alexes Club, Atlanta Chapter; member of Berean SDA church and a active member of the J.G. Thomas Chapter of the Oakwood College Alumni Association in Atlanta.

Dorothy is married to Elliott and the mother of three children, two have already attended Oakwood College.

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MRS. ALACYCE JONES HOWARD



Mrs. Alacyce Jones Howard, born in Knoxville, Tennessee, was the youngest of six children of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Jones. She received her elementary education at the University S.D.A. Church School in Knoxville, Tennessee. She attended Austin High School for two years. Through the encouragement of Elder N.B. Smith of Greensboro, North Carolina, she transferred to Oakwood Academy in September 1939, and graduated in 1941.

Upon Completion of high school, she decided to remain at Oakwood College, majoring in Elementary Education, graduating from Junior College, May 1942.

Her teaching career began September 1942 in Greensboro, North Carolina, at the S.D.A. Church School, under the superintendency of the late Anna Knight. She spent a summer at Knoxville College working on the four year degree and remained in her teaching position for two years.

Mrs. Howard was married to the late Maitlan C. Howard, and moved to join his family in the Connecticut area. She is the mother of the late Maitlan C. Howard, Jr., Mrs. Marlene Howard Riggs, Mrs. Nelda Howard Salter, and foster mother to Mrs. Linda Harp. She is the proud grandmother of eight grandchildren.

Through the years, Mrs. Howard has been active in the community, active in the NAACP, home and school association, and Parents and Friends of Handicapped Children. She also used some of her time and talent in service for her local church, Calvary S.D.A. Church, as Youth Division Leader in the Sabbath School, Sabbath School Superintendent, M.V. Leader and Program Director. At present, she is the Correspondence Secretary of the New Haven Chapter of the Oakwood College Alumni Association.

After several years at home, she felt a need to continue her education. She graduated from Southern Connecticut State College in 1962 with a B.S. in Education. In 1966, she was awarded the Master of Science Degree in Special Education.

Teaching is Alacyce's profession. She has been doing this for 27 years, with much success, and is currently employed by the Bridgeport Board of Education.

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ALLEGHENY EAST
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EUGENIA A. FRANKLIN-SPRINGER

Born in Trinidad, West Indies, Eugenia A. Franklin-Springer received her advanced training from Oakwood College and Howard University, Washington, D.C. She holds a Ph.D. degree in zoology (area of specialization-Biochemical Genetics) from Howard University.

She taught Biology at the University of the District of Columbia (UDC) from 1976 to 1980, and at the Career Education Center (an extension of UDC), National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland, from 1979 to 1980.

Dr. Franklin-Springer produces and hosts radio programs for children, writes and directs plays for children, and is the founder and director of LUTT's Productions Incorporated, a non-profit cultural and educational organization dedicated to teaching positive societal values and fostering cross-cultural exchanges.

She has coordinated major art shows in the Washington, D.C., area, and has lectured and performed as a poet-dramatist, for churches, universities, schools, associations, galleries, and other organizations along the eastern seaboard of the USA, and in the Caribbean. She has appeared on radio shows and radio stations OK-100, WPFW, WHUR, WGTS, Organization of American States, Voice of America—in the Washington, D.C. area, and on radio programs in the Caribbean.

Elaine Herrerman and Naomi Eftis, Co-producers, Survival Clearing House for the Arts, WPFW radio Washington, D.C., says this of Dr. Eugenia Franklin-Springer, "She is articulate, intelligent, thoughtful and thought-provoking. What she says, makes sense, is solid, precise, concentrated and very clear."

In addition to articles published in scientific and religious periodicals, she has published two books: "Words of a Caribbean Woman," a collection of poetry and prose; and "Girl, It's All About You," a guide to sexual maturity, personality, good grooming, relationships with parents and friends, and what to look for in a husband, emphasizing moral integrity.

A mother of two girls, and one boy, Dr. Franklin-Springer teams up with her psychotherapist husband to conduct small group seminars on "How To Improve Family Relationships," with emphasis on how to be an effective parent.

She is a faithful member of Metropolitan SDA Church in the Washington area and a supportive member of the D.C. Chapter of Oakwood Alumni Association.

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MRS. MOSSIE R. McCALL

Mossie McCall, seventh of a family of 14 children was born and reared in Huntsville community. Her collegiate years were culminated with the acquisition of a B.S. and a M.A. degree, cum laude at Alabama A & M University, followed by further graduate study at the University of London in England.

Mrs. McCall is a dedicated church member, having served as Sabbath School superintendent, Sabbath School teacher, and presently Treasurer of the First Seventh-Day Adventist Church in Huntsville, Alabama.

Our honoree taught 40 years in the Huntsville public schools. As an administrator, she was a Master Teacher training interns in the Teacher Corps Program. In 1978, she was among 5 finalists nominated by the Huntsville City Schools and other cities in Alabama to the Jacksonville State University Teacher Hall of Fame.

A Christian life of prayer and sacrifice enable Mrs. McCall to educate both of her children, Karla and Stanley at Oakwood College. Karla went on to a M.A. degree in Library Science at George Peabody, and now serves as a librarian in Houston, Texas Public Schools. Stanley is employed in his own development company and received his M.A. degree from Alabama A & M University.

Mrs. McCall's total devotion and the encouragement she gave her children are evidence by the success both enjoy in their livelihoods.

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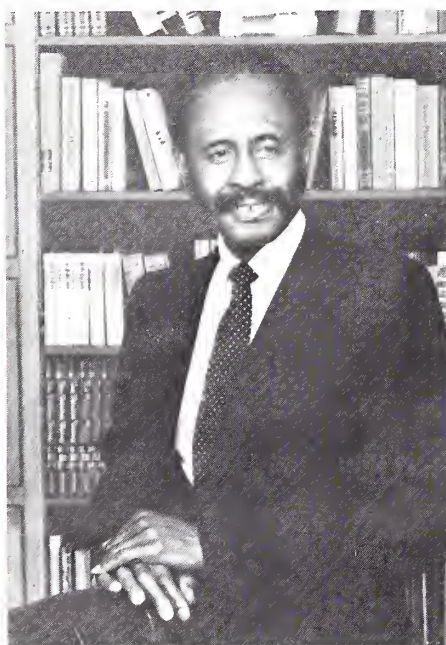
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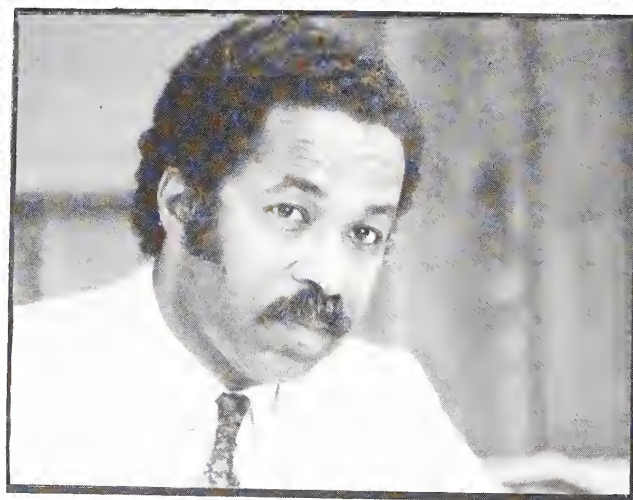
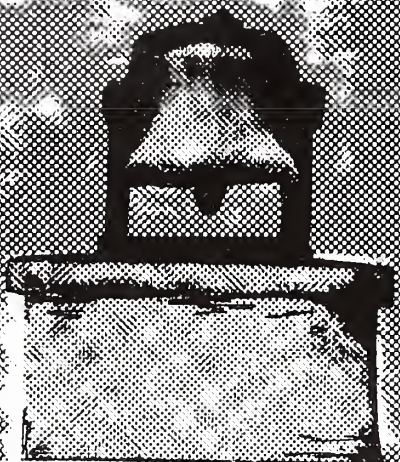
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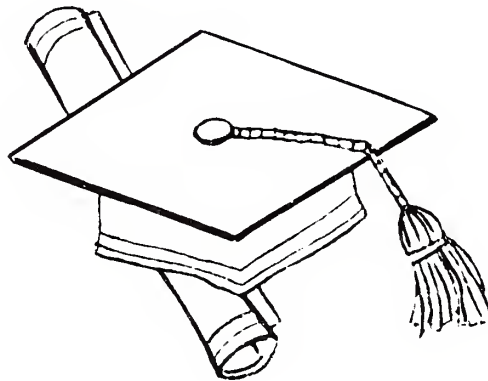
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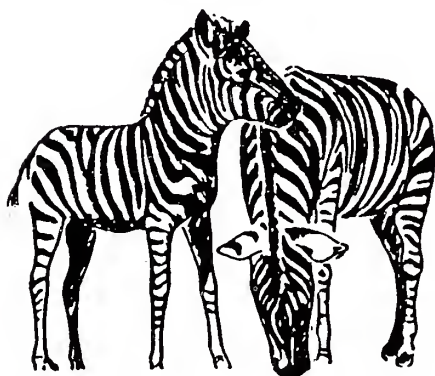
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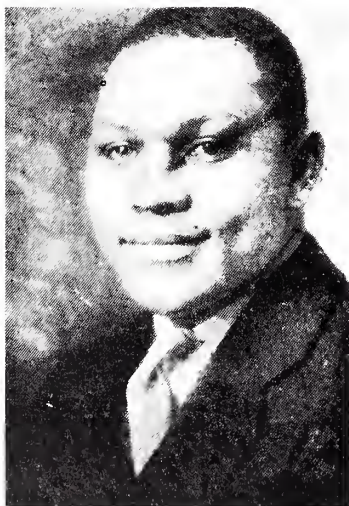
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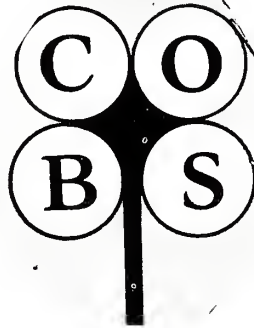
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TO THEE OUR DEAR OAKWOOD

CHORUS

To thee our dear Oakwood
To thee we shall ever sing
For decades thou has stood
Thy name shall ever ring.
Here we spend our happy days.
And we love to sing thy praise.
And where-ever we may be,
We will always be true to thee,
Our worthy old, old, O.C.

1.

Our dear Oakwood within whose vale
Thy standards will not fail,
Our hearts are filled with wondrous cheer
When thoughts of thee draw near,
We love thy pines, thy elms, thy oaks
And campus always green,
Thy many flowers and distant mounts,
Form one impressive scene.

2.

From states afar and isles of sea
Thy students come to thee,
And fain do linger in thy halls
Enlightened truthfully,
From nature's scenes they ever learn,
And study from thy soil,
Till many more thy works discern,
We'll pray for thee and toil.

3.

As happy birds come in the spring
And sing not for their pay,
Rich, natural melodies they bring
Cheering throughout the day.
We too will serve thee faithfully
In all we do and say.
We hope in God, we trust in thee
True and loyal we'll be.

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THERE'LL ALWAYS BE AN OAKWOOD

There'll always be an Oakwood, as long as hearts can love,
As long as all the people here seek guidance from above.

As long as man can feel his need for power from on high,
As long as we remember that God's coming draweth nigh.

There'll always be an Oakwood, no matter what we say
For signs are all forecasting a better, brighter day.

When dedicated faculty and loving friends and true,
Join hearts and hands together to see each project through.

There'll always be an Oakwood as long as parents dear,
Sacrifice unstingingly and send their youngsters here.

For children as the Good Book say, "Are an heritage of the Lord"
They must be given every chance, "The fruit of the womb . . . His reward.

There'll always be an Oakwood to give youngsters a start,
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Where students strive for excellence, and courage and faith to endure,
Where character building is the goal, a crown of life to secure.

There'll always be an Oakwood when grateful alumni treasure,
Fellowship at the college beautiful and seek to repay in some
measure . . . The debt of love we owe.

For here at the placed where loveliness Her house in beauty keeps,
We have lived and learned together, how Oakwood her harvest reaps!

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